will hold 26% of the equity and the rest will be raised from the public including non-resident Indians.

The proposed Mangalore refinery will have M/s Indian Rayon Corporation as the private sector co-promoter with M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation as the public sector partner. In this case also each of the partners will hold 26% of the equity with the rest coming from the public including non-resident Indians.

Formation of a Joint Consultancy Firm

*139 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to revive the proposal for formation of a Joint Consultancy Firm with Management and Technological International Inc., USA and public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so in what circumstances ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) Government have since advised six Public Enterprises for formation of a Joint Venture company in India for rendering specialised management and technological services for improving the performance of Public Enterprises.

Changing of LPG Dealer

*140. SHRI J P GOYAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an LPG consumer can get his dealer changed;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) what is the procedure to be followed by the consumer for changing the dealer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme has been introduced selectively in the bigger markets and is being extended to other markets in a phased manner;

inconvenient location, unsatisfactory service by the existing distributor, etc ;

(c) At locations where inter-Company transfer facility is also available, the consumer has to surrender his equipment to his present distributor, take his Termination Voucher and get his connection from the distributor of his choice, provided his residence falls within the latter's area of operation.

At locations where this facility is available on intra-company basis, the consumer has to take his Transfer advice from his present distributor without having to surrender the equipment and get connection from the distributor of his choice, provided his residence falls within the latter's area of operation.

Results of Experiments to run Motor Vehicles on Compressed Natural Gas

835. SHRI DINKARRAO GOBINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 192 given in the Rayja Sabha on the 10th August, 1987 and state :

(a) whether the results of the experiments conducted to run vehicles on compressed natural gas have been finalised; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Letters of Intent sought from Orissa

836. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many 'Letters of Intent' for setting up industrial units in the State of Orissa were sought during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of these were in the public, private and joint sectors;

(d) by when these pending cases are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) The yearwise number of Industrial Licence applications received and disposed of under the provisions of the Industries (D & R) Act, 1951 for the grant of Letters of Intent from the public sector (including Joint sector) and the private sectors during the years 1985 to 1987 (upto 31-10-'87) is shown below :

Year	Total No. of applications	Number of IL applications received		Number of proposals approved and LOI granted	
		Public sector (including joint sector)	Pvt. Sec.	Public sector (including joint sector)	Private sector
1985	47	16	31	9	15
1986	54	20	34	5	10
1987 (as on 31-10-87)	32	19	13	4	4

The remaining applications are under different stages of processing. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of all pending Industrial Licence applications as expeditiously as possible To ensure this, procedures have been streamlined.

Import Duty on Paraffin

837. DR. BAPU KALDATE :

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited (IPCL) and Tamil Nadu Petrochemical Corporation Limited would in any way be benefited by reduction of import duty on normal paraffin from Rs 10,000 per tonne to something like Rs. 2,500 per tonne; if so, to what extent;

(b) whether IPCL and TNPCL have been manufacturing LAB by purifying Kerosene from Baroda refinery and TNPCL makes LAB from paraffin obtained by purifying kerosene supplied by the Madras Refinery; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for permitting Reliance Industries Limited to import LAB and for reducing the import duty on paraffin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Both Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited and Tamil Nadu Petrochemical Corporation Limited would be benefited by reduction of duty on N-Paraffin to the extent N-Paraffin is imported by them.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, TNPCL is yet to commence production

(c) Reliance Industries Limited's have not been permitted to import LAB. However, its LAB plant is ready for commissioning based on N-Paraffin as feed stock. Duty reduction on N-Paraffin has been announced so as to make indigenously produced LAB based on imported Paraffin available at reasonable prices